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June 21, 2006

The Honorable James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
NC General Assembly  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Re: Evaluation of Statement of Economic Interest filed by  
**Pamela M. Tope, Wireless 911 Board**

Dear Speaker Black:

In accordance with Section 5(b) of Executive Order Number One ("the Order"), we have completed our evaluation of the statement of economic interest mentioned above.

**We did not find an actual conflict of interest. We did find the potential for conflict of interest.**

The Wireless 911 Board is charged with developing and regulating a wireless enhanced 911 system for the use of cellular, personal communications service, and other wireless telephone customers.

Ms. Tope is the Director of Retail Sales with Verizon Wireless. She indicates that Verizon Wireless, as a wireless carrier, is required to meet certain standards for deployment of enhanced 911 services and is reimbursed from the fund overseen by the board. Thus, Ms. Tope has the potential for conflict of interest and should exercise appropriate caution in the performance of her public duties.

Section 7 of the Order mandates that public officials perform their duties in a manner to promote the best interests of the public. Because conflicts of interest may arise while performing their public duties, public officials should make a due and diligent effort to determine whether they have a conflict of interest before taking any action that could have an impact on their own financial, familial, or personal interests.

We are sending a copy of this letter to the Chairman of the Board with the request that our findings be recorded in the Board's minutes in accordance with Section 6 (c) of the Order.

Sincerely,

*Perry Y. Newson/bc*

Perry Y. Newson  
Executive Director

cc: Ms. Pamela M. Tope  
Chairman of the Board